**Subject:** Why Walkout on October 7th, 2024?
**Date:** Friday, October 4, 2024 at 8:00:45 AM Eastern Daylight Time
**From:** Students for Justice in Palestine
**To:** Students for Justice in Palestine

For Those Who Stand Against Genocide,

**This Monday, October 7 marks one year of genocide in Gaza, which has murdered up to hundreds of thousands of Palestinians.** The massive destruction of life in Palestine, Lebanon, and Yemen is aided and abetted both by the US government and our very own Middlebury College. **As Middlebury students, we refuse to be complicit.** We are targeting the college's $1.4 billion endowment, which is confirmed to have $600,000 invested in Israeli companies, and is confirmed to have **holdings in both arms manufacturing and war profiteering** (despite misleading information included in this statement released Spring, 2024). We call for complete divestment from companies that are enabling the genocide of the Palestinian people and the destruction in Lebanon.

As faculty, staff, and students in solidarity with the people of Palestine, **join our walkout this coming Monday 10/7 at 11:30 AM at the New Chapel.** Listen to speeches on Palestine, Lebanon, and divestment; join our educational workshops, donate to our upcoming campaign with the Middle East Children's Alliance, supporting those providing aid in real time on the ground.

Last May's Gaza Solidarity Encampment was successful in pressuring the admin to start meeting demands. **Without such large scale student disruption, that would never have been possible.** Hundreds of students walking out together on this bloody anniversary will show the administration that we are still here. We are still demanding divestment from war & genocide.

Pressure Middlebury College to be on the right side of history. Thank you for your support and solidarity.

Middlebury Students for Justice in Palestine